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Examiner Bhat,

Please find attached a copy of the response to Office Action filed by fax on December 8, 2003 and the confirmation sheet indicating this fax was successfully transmitted.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2003. This Response in made within the shortened statutory period and, therefore, no additional fee is required.